

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4-11-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,12,13,17,18,23-30 and 34-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Terminal Disclaimer has been approved.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kyle Turley on April 11, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A[[n]] computer implemented contact information management method comprising steps of:
 - storing contact information related to a first user in a first database operatively coupled to a remote first computer, the first user being identified by a user identifier; and
 - providing an interface for enabling a second user to access the first database over a network using a second computer to retrieve the contact information related to the first user using the user identifier of the first user;
 - ~~establishing~~ creating a second database of user contact information in the second computer;
 - inserting contact information related to the first user into the second database of the second computer;
 - providing an interface for enabling the first user to edit the contact information related to the first user stored in the first database;
 - changing ~~updating~~ contact information related to the first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing contact information in the first database; and

providing an interface for allowing the second user to access the updated contact information related to the first user, the second user is enabled to access the updated information related to the first user by way of receiving the user identifier of the first user,
synchronizing contact information in the second database with contact information contained in the first database.

2. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1, further comprising providing the first user with a bar code representation of the user identifier.

3. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 2, further comprising a step of printing characters representative of the user identifier on a document.

4. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 3, wherein the document is a business card.

5. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 3, wherein the step of printing includes a step of printing the bar code on the document.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1, wherein the second computer accesses the first database over the Internet.

8-11. (Canceled)

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12. (Currently amended) A[[n]] computer implemented contact information management system comprising:

a first computer;

a first database operatively coupled to the first computer, the first database containing contact information for each of a plurality of users of the contact information management system, wherein each of the users is identified by a user identifier, and the contact information for each user is stored along with the user identifier of the user in the first database;

wherein the first computer includes:

a network interface ~~module~~ that interfaces with a network and provides to allow users of the contact information management system ~~[[to]]~~ access to the first computer;

a database interface ~~module~~ that ~~coordinates~~ controls transfer of data between the first database and ~~[[the]]~~ a remote ~~first~~ second network computer via the network;

an application ~~module~~ containing instructions that, when executed by the first computer, [[to]] provides an interface i) to enable for a network user to access the first database over the network using ~~[[a]]~~ the second network computer to retrieve contact information in the first database related to a first user, the network user is enabled to access the first database by way of receiving a user identifier associated with the first user, ii) to enable for the first user to edit the contact information related to the first user stored in the first database~~[[;]], [[and]]~~ iii) to enable for access to the edited contact information in the first database to update the contact information related to the first user in a second database of ~~[[a]]~~ the second network computer, and iv) to synchronize the contact information in the second database with contact information contained in the first database.

13. (Currently amended) The contact information management system of claim 12, wherein the application ~~module~~ further includes instructions that, when executed by the first computer, [[to]] provides the first user with a bar code representation of the user identifier.

14-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A[[n]] computer implemented contact information management system comprising:

means for storing contact information related to a first user in first database operatively coupled to a remote first computer, the first user being identified by a user identifier;

means for providing an interface for enabling a second user to access the first database over a network using a second network computer to retrieve the contact information related to the first user using the user identifier of the first user;

means for ~~establishing~~ creating a second database of user contact information in the second computer;

means for inserting contact information related to the first user into the second database of the second computer;

means for providing an interface for enabling the first user to edit the contact information related to the first user stored in the first database;

means for ~~updating~~ changing contact information related to the first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing contact information in the first database; and

means for providing an interface for allowing the second user to access the updated contact information related to the first user, the second user is enabled to access the updated information related to the first user by way of receiving the user identifier of the first user,

means for synchronizing contact information in the second database with contact information contained in the first database.

18. (Currently amended) The contact information management system of claim 17, further comprising means for providing the first user with a bar code representation of the user identifier.

19-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The contact information management system of claim 17, further comprising means for providing an interface for enabling the first user to access the first

computer over a network using a first network computer to edit the contact information related to the first user stored in the first database.

24. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 wherein the identifier includes an alphanumeric identification code.

25. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 further comprising registering as a new user by entering contact data associated with the user identifier of the new user, the contact data including at least one of an ~~email~~ e-mail address, a name, a telephone number, an address, a title, and a facsimile number.

26. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 25 wherein registering includes designating a registration type including ~~but not limited to~~ a professional, a corporation, and an individual.

27. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 25 further comprising verifying the registration of a new user by matching the ~~email~~ e-mail address as a user identifier against existing contact information in the first database.

28. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 further comprising designating the contact information related to the first user as blocked to deny access to the contact information by the plurality of second users.

29. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 further comprising designating the contact information related to the first user as publicly accessible.

30. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 further comprising entering an identifier ~~to allow~~ that identifies a plurality of privileged users

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that have access to the stored contact information, wherein the privileged users comprise at least one of the plurality of second users.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) The contact information management method of claim 1 further comprising assigning a second user identifier to one of the plurality of second users and providing access to the first database by one of the plurality of second users using the second user identifier.

35. (Currently amended) The contact information management system of claim 17, further comprising means for receiving contact information from and providing contact information to the second user over the Internet.

36. (Currently amended) The contact information management system of claim 17, wherein the means for storing contains for the second user a blocked list that identifies blocked users that are not authorized to access contact information of the first user.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 7, 12-13, 17-18, 23-30 and 34-36 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding Independent Claims 1, 12 and 17, Applicant's particular computer implemented method and system for storing contact information storing contact information related to a first user in a first database the first user being identified by a user identifier; and providing an interface for a second user to access the first database over a network using a second computer to retrieve the contact information related to the first user using the user identifier of the first user; creating a second database of user contact information in the second computer; inserting contact information related to the first user into the second database of the second computer; the first user to edit the contact information related to the first user stored in the first database; changing contact information of first user in the second database of the second computer by accessing contact information in the first database; and second user to access the updated contact information related to the first user, the second user is enabled to access the updated information related to the first user by way of receiving the user identifier of the first user, synchronizing contact information in the second database with contact information contained in the first database in combination with the other limitations of the claims, was not disclosed by, would not have been obvious over, nor would have been fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The dependent claims, being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the Specification are also allowed. The closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

Comments

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, Applicant's response must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP section 707.07(a).

Other Prior Art Made of Record

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications will not be supplied with Office actions. Examiners advises the Applicant that the cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are available for download via the Office's PAIR. As an alternate source, all U.S. patents and patent application publications are available on the USPTO web site (www.uspto.gov), from the Office of Public Records and from commercial sources. For the use of the Office's PAIR system, Applicants may refer to the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at

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<http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html> or 1-866-217-9197.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diane D. Mizrahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 305-3900 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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